

Rushville Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.

OPENING: Meeting was called to order by President Denny Corn. Members present were, Denny Corn, Anna Karen Pennington, Sue Otte, Dave Malson, and Steve Sickbert. Also, present were Parks Director, Danny Mathews and Secretary, Paula Shelton. Member Liz Crain was absent.

MINUTES: A motion was made by Dave Malson and seconded by Anna Karen Pennington to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Motion was carried and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Eric Frey from the ARa was present to discuss the status of the planning process and the five year project timeline. He told the board that he had gone around to see the city parks of Rushville, and said they were very clean and impressive. Eric also handed out a five year action schedule and a map showing walking and pedestrian path strategies. The plan includes basic operating costs over the five years. Eric stated that parking is one of the big issues, especially around the ballparks and Riverside Park. There was discussion about moving some of the old playground equipment at the ball diamonds to make a parking lot and this will be looked at in the future. He then asked what the board would like to do first. Some board members and Parks Director, Danny Mathews, stated that the restrooms need to be more handicap accessible. Danny suggested adding a unisex handicap restroom at the south park instead of remodeling and this would be the least expensive way. The map of path strategies shows upgrading walking paths and nature trails and future connections to other parks and safe routes to the schools. In conclusion, Eric would like to have one more public meeting before the draft plan is presented on January 15, 2011. Eric will see that this is in the newspaper. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.

REPORTS: Parks Director, Danny Mathews reported on the Halloween parade and what a huge success it was and wanted to thank everyone who helped out that evening. He also stated that the Parks Department dinner will be at the American Legion on Thursday, December 9, 2010 and would like to see everyone on the board attending.

CLAIMS: A motion was made by Dave Malson and seconded by Anna Karen Pennington to approve the claims. Motion was carried and claims were approved.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.

Denny Corn, President_____

David Malson, Member_____

Steve Sickbert, Member_____

Sue Otte, Member_____

Anna Karen Pennington, Member_____

Liz Crain, Member_____

Paula Shelton, Secretary_____